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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

STEVEN SMITH,

No. C 05-02049 PVT (RS)

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER EXCUSING ATTENDANCE
AT SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE**

BIGGIE CRANE AND RIGGING,
et al.,

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

By letter dated September 28, 2005, defendant Black & Veatch Corporation, through its counsel, Mark S. Lee, requested that its principal be excused from personally appearing at the settlement conference scheduled for October 7, 2005. No opposition was filed by any party.

Upon consideration of the request, the Court finds good cause for excusing personal attendance. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that Black & Veatch Corporation's principal be available by telephone from 9:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time until further notice on October 7, 2005.

If the court concludes that her absence is interfering with the settlement conference, the Court may continue the settlement conference and may order personal attendance by each party including defendant's principal.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 3, 2005

/s/ Richard Seeborg
RICHARD SEEBORG

United States Magistrate Judge

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Dated: October 3, 2005

CHAMBERS OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE RICHARD SEEBORG

By: /s/ BAK